

SECTION 16190  
SUPPORTING DEVICES

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 RELATED DOCUMENTS

- A. Drawings and general provisions of Contract, including General and Supplementary Conditions and Division 1 Specification Sections, apply to this Section.

1.2 SUMMARY

- A. This Section includes secure support from the building structure for electrical items by means of hangers, supports, anchors, sleeves, inserts, seals and associated fastenings.
  - 1. Refer to other Division 16 Sections for additional specific support requirements that may be applicable to specific items.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 MANUFACTURERS

- A. Manufacturers: Subject to compliance with requirements, provide products by the following:
  - 1. Slotted Metal Angle and U-Channel Systems:
    - a. Allied Tube & Conduit.
    - b. American Electric.
    - c. B-Line Systems, Inc.
    - d. Cinch Clamp Co., Inc.
    - e. GS Metals Corp.
    - f. Haydon Corp.
    - g. Kin-Line, Inc.
    - h. Unistrut Diversified Products.
  - 2. Conduit Sealing Bushings:
    - a. Bridgeport Fittings, Inc.
    - b. Cooper Industries, Inc.
    - c. Elliott Electric Mfg. Corp.
    - d. GS Metals Corp.
    - e. Killark Electric Mfg. Co.
    - f. Madison Equipment Co.
    - g. L.E. Mason Co.
    - h. O-Z/Gedney.
    - i. Producto Electric Corp.
    - j. Raco, Inc.
    - k. Red Seal Electric Corp.
    - l. Spring City Electrical Mfg. Co.
    - m. Thomas & Betts Corp.

## 2.2 COATINGS

- A. Coating: Supports, support hardware, and fasteners shall be protected with zinc coating or with treatment of equivalent corrosion resistance using approved alternative treatment, finish or inherent material characteristic. Products for use outdoors shall be hot-dip galvanized.

## 2.3 MANUFACTURED SUPPORTING DEVICES

- A. Raceway Supports: Clevis hangers, riser clamps, conduit straps, threaded C-clamps with retainers, ceiling trapeze hangers, wall brackets and spring steel clamps.
- B. Fasteners: Types, materials and construction features as follows:
  - 1. Expansion Anchors: Carbon steel wedge or sleeve type. Plastic expansion anchors (for conduit 1-inch and smaller only).
  - 2. Toggle Bolts: All steel springhead type.
  - 3. Powder-Driven Threaded Studs: Heat-treated steel, designed specifically for the intended service.
- C. Conduit Sealing Bushings: Factory-fabricated watertight conduit sealing bushing assemblies suitable for sealing around conduit or tubing passing through concrete floors and walls. Construct seals with steel sleeve, malleable iron body, neoprene sealing grommets or rings, metal pressure rings, pressure clamps and cap screws.
- D. Cable Supports for Vertical Conduit: Factory-fabricated assembly consisting of threaded body and insulating wedging plug for nonarmored electrical cables in riser conduits. Provide plugs with number and size of conductor gripping holes as required to suit individual risers. Construct body of malleable-iron casting with hot-dip galvanized finish.
- E. U-Channel Systems: 16-gage steel channels, with 9/16-inch diameter holes, at a minimum of 8-inches on center, in top surface. Provide fittings and accessories that mate and match the U-channel and are of the same manufacturer.

## 2.4 FABRICATED SUPPORTING DEVICES

- A. General: Shop- or field-fabricated supports or manufactured supports assembled from U-channel components.
- B. Steel Brackets: Fabricated of angles, channels and other standard structural shapes. Connect with welds and machine bolts to form rigid supports.
- C. Pipe Sleeves: Provide pipe sleeves of one (1) of the following:
  - 1. Sheet Metal: Fabricate from galvanized sheet metal; round tube closed with snaplock joint, welded spiral seams or welded longitudinal joint. Fabricate sleeves from the following gage metal for sleeve diameter noted:
    - a. 3-inches and smaller: 20-gage.
    - b. 4-inch to 6-inches: 16-gage.
    - c. Over 6-inches: 14-gage.
  - 2. Steel Pipe: Fabricate from Schedule 40 galvanized steel pipe.

3. Plastic Pipe: Fabricate from Schedule 80 PVC plastic pipe.

## PART 3 - EXECUTION

### 3.1 INSTALLATION

- A. Install supporting devices to fasten electrical components securely and permanently in accordance with NEC requirements.
- B. Coordinate with the building structural system and with other electrical installation.
- C. Raceway Supports: Comply with the NEC and the following requirements:
  1. Conform to manufacturer's recommendations for selection and installation of supports.
  2. Strength of each support shall be adequate to carry present and future load multiplied by a safety factor of at least four (4). Where this determination results in a safety allowance of less than 200 lbs, provide additional strength until there is a minimum of 200 lbs safety allowance in the strength of each support.
  3. Install individual and multiple (trapeze) raceway hangers and riser clamps as necessary to support raceways. Provide U-bolts, clamps, attachments, and other hardware necessary for hanger assembly and for securing hanger rods and conduits.
  4. Support parallel runs of horizontal raceways together on trapeze-type hangers.
  5. Support individual horizontal raceways by separate pipe hangers. Spring steel fasteners may be used in lieu of hangers only for 1-inch and smaller raceways serving lighting and receptacle branch circuits above suspended ceilings only. For hanger rods with spring steel fasteners, use 1/4-inch diameter or larger threaded steel. Use spring steel fasteners that are specifically designed for supporting single conduits or tubing.
  6. Support exposed and concealed raceway within 1-foot of an unsupported box and access fittings. In horizontal runs, support at the box and access fittings may be omitted where box or access fittings are independently supported and raceway terminals are not made with chase nipples or threadless box connectors.
  7. In vertical runs, arrange support so that load produced by the weight of the raceway and the enclosed conductors is carried entirely by the conduit supports with no weight load on raceway terminals.
- D. Vertical Conductor Supports: Install simultaneously with installation of conductors.
- E. Miscellaneous Supports: Support miscellaneous electrical components as required to produce the same structural safety factors as specified for raceway supports. Install metal channel racks for mounting cabinets, panelboards, disconnects, control enclosures, pull boxes, junction boxes, transformers and other devices.
- F. Support sheet metal boxes directly from the building structure or by bar hangers.
- G. Sleeves: Install in concrete slabs and walls and all other fire-rated floors and walls for raceways and cable installations. For sleeves through fire-rated wall or floor construction, apply UL Listed firestopping sealant in gaps between sleeves and enclosed conduits and cables.

- H. Conduit Seals: Install seals for conduit penetrations of slabs on grade and exterior walls below grade and where indicated. Tighten sleeve seal screws until sealing grommets have expanded to form watertight seal.
- I. Fastening: Unless otherwise indicated, fasten electrical items and their supporting hardware securely to the building structure, including but not limited to conduits, raceways, cables, cable trays, busways, cabinets, panelboards, transformers, boxes, disconnect switches and control components in accordance with the following:
  - 1. Fasten by means of wood screws or screw-type nails on wood, toggle bolts on hollow masonry units, concrete inserts or expansion bolts on concrete or solid masonry, and machine screws, welded threaded studs, or spring-tension clamps on steel. Threaded studs driven by a powder charge and provided with lock washers and nuts may be used instead of expansion bolts and machine or wood screws. Do not weld conduit, pipe straps or items other than threaded studs to steel structures. In partitions of light steel construction, use sheet metal screws.
  - 2. Holes cut to depth of more than 1-1/2-inch in reinforced concrete beams or to depth of more than 3/4-inch in concrete shall not cut the main reinforcing bars. Fill holes that are not used.
  - 3. Ensure that the load applied to any fastener does not exceed 25% of the proof test load. Use vibration- and shock-resistant fasteners for attachments to concrete slabs.

END OF SECTION